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WEEK:**



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His Dog, Jim



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We've missed you... but, as the Champion returns, the message to all our readers and advertisers is...

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK!

IT FEELS just great to be back...

For the first time since March 18 - the last publication of Champion Newspapers before lockdown - our print titles are being published and delivered to households across Sefton and West Lancashire.

We've missed you, and we hope you've missed us.

It was a tough call to suspend publication of the Champion but we were left with simply no choice once lockdown measures were introduced across the country to help the nation deal with the immense coronavirus threat.

The Champion, however, did not disappear completely. We have strived to keep our communities well informed during the Covid 19 crisis by putting local news and information on our website at champnews.com and on the Champion's Facebook page. Now, with the easing of some of those lockdown restrictions, the Champion is able to return to what it does best and what our staff are truly passionate about - delivering award-winning newspapers straight to your door.

It's great news for us and it's great news for our readers and loyal advertisers.

We'd like it to be 'business as normal' as we strive to get up and running again but we know only too well, like so many other businesses out there, that the road ahead will be a bumpy one. There simply is no 'normal' just yet and the situation could continue for some time as the nation eases itself back to full throttle.

But our message to the hundreds of firms in Sefton and West Lancashire is this... the Champion is back to help you on the difficult road to recovery. No matter how small or how big your



Champ's rainbow tribute to key workers

● YOU may have noticed our new masthead - it's a one-off which has been designed to mark the Champion's return.

The masthead is a special nod to all those wonderful key workers who have done so much to

help us through the past few weeks of the coronavirus crisis.

It was designed by 10-year-old Olivia Wallace (left), who won a competition held via our Facebook page for youngsters in Sefton and West Lancashire to

draw a Champion masthead in honour of the people who have kept the nation going as we battled the disease that has claimed so many lives.

Olivia's design, which won her a £25 book token, was one

of many sent in to us by youngsters - a selection of which you can see in this week's Champion. The rainbow is a symbol of thanks to all key workers who are assisting the country at this difficult time

company is, we want to work with you to get our two boroughs working once more.

We understand how difficult things are. But we know our advertisers and readers share with us a desire and a burning ambition to 'get things going' again and to see our businesses, our towns and villages, our parishes, and residents across Sefton and West Lancashire, look forward to a healthy,

prosperous future where we all look out for each other with kindness and consideration to the fore.

Rest assured, the Champion will be with you every step of the way, doing our bit to help our communities thrive going forward.

It really is great to be back, so please do send us your news, your views, your pictures... and all the things that go to make the Champion your favourite

weekly read. Of course, while we have been away there's been so much happening in all our areas, so many kind, community-spirited acts that we want to highlight in this week's Champion.

So, grab a cuppa, take a comfy seat and reacquaint yourself with an old friend dropping in again... it's great to be back!

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Edge Hill set to launch pioneering new paramedic and nurse degree

‘Ground-breaking’ course will be first of its kind in the UK

Report by **Tom Martin**

EDGE Hill will launch a ground-breaking new Nurse Paramedic integrated Masters degree, which will be the first in the UK.

The four-year MSci Nurse Paramedic (Adult) degree is designed to tackle the changing delivery of acute and primary care, and improve staff retention within the NHS.

The role is currently only found in four other countries around the world – Australia, Poland, Sweden and Finland.

Students involved in the design of the course championed the programme as “bridging the gap between disciplines to ensure that evidence-based patient care can be delivered to improve patient outcomes in an innovative way” and reported that it was a fantastic opportunity to be involved in such novel course development.



Eleanor Fenney, Nurse Education Programme Development Lead at Edge Hill

Eleanor Fenney, Nurse Education Programme Development Lead at Edge Hill University, said: “This is an exciting time for the students who have signed up as their skills will be highly desirable in the workplace and they will be able to contribute directly to the development of the course and this ground-breaking role as real ambassadors for the new profession.”

Students will be on the frontline of healthcare, qualifying as both a nurse and a paramedic, and will be able to apply for registration with the regulatory bodies for both professions - the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Their combined clinical skills and autonomous decision-making will enable them to manage chronic and complex patients in the community, thereby reducing the number of 999 calls which result in A&E attendance.

And as they will graduate with both professional skill sets they will be able to enjoy wider career progression and the ability to diversify within their job roles, thereby increasing the likelihood of them choosing to stay within the health and social care sector.

Recruitment for the four-year course, which is due to start in September, has already been completed and several NHS Trusts have expressed an interest in employing students on completion.

Man wanted by police in connection to shooting believed to be back in the country

HAVE you seen wanted man Richard Shacklady?

Lancashire Constabulary are sending out a fresh appeal to locate a wanted man who is believed to be back in Lancashire.

Richard Bennett, AKA Shacklady, is wanted in relation to a shooting on February 28, where a shotgun was fired outside an address on Feltons in Skelmersdale.

Fortunately, no-one was injured in this incident, though Detective Sergeant Pete Reil said that was simply down to “good fortune”.

It is believed Shacklady left the country for a period of time, however he is now thought to be back in the local area of Skelmersdale.

The 29-year-old, formerly of Thurston, Skelmersdale, is described as around 6ft tall, of slim to medium build with short light brown hair.

He is known to change his appearance regularly and sometimes has a beard, with longer hair and occasionally wears glasses.

Anyone who sees Shacklady should not approach him, but should contact police immediately.

DS Pete Reil of Lancashire Police said: “I would like to appeal to



Richard Shacklady

anyone who has any information on Shacklady's whereabouts to get in touch with us. If you have seen him, or know where he might be, please let us know.

“I would also like to stress that anyone found to be harbouring or protecting him, will be arrested.”

As well as Skelmersdale, Shacklady also has links to Merseyside, Wigan and Standish.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting log number 1130 of February 28th. Alternatively, independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111. For immediate sightings dial 999.

Frontline workers to be sent on much-needed break

A CHARITY which aims to give a much-needed trip away for NHS and frontline workers is appealing for locals to buy a ticket to a summer raffle.

All money raised from the raffle will go towards the Youth Hostels Association's Project90 appeal.

The appeal, which aims to raise £500,000 in total, will fund crucial breaks for 1,800 vulnerable young people and NHS and frontline workers and their families in England and Wales.

Already, the appeal has raised £140,000 which will go towards funding

the much-needed breaks. 90 young people and 90 frontline workers and their families selected for the breaks will be from the North West.

YHA hopes that through the raffle it will raise enough money to give up to 5,000 vulnerable young people, NHS and frontline

workers and their families a two-day break in 2020/21.

People can purchase raffle tickets by visiting: getinvolved.yha.org.uk.

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Two groups based at same village hall get gongs from the Queen

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

NOT one but two groups of West Lancashire volunteer groups have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the highest award and the MBE for volunteer groups.

Parbold Douglas Music Lancashire and Parbold Picture House have been awarded in recognition of the outstanding work done by their volunteers in the local community.

Both groups rely completely on the time, skills and hard work of their volunteers to run every aspect of organising and presenting concerts and films to audiences from across the north-west and beyond.

Whilst both are based at Parbold Village Hall, the two groups operate independently of each other, and each has received a separate award.

Both have helped develop the hall's activities by helping to secure many substantial grants and have transformed it into one of the finest venues in the region.

Parbold Douglas Music Lancashire presents and manages an annual concert series starring international musicians. In addition to the many and varied regular tasks required to run the concert series, its 23 volunteers have gone above and beyond by helping create the hall's auditorium, and together with the local community they raised enough funds to buy a superb 2002 Steinway grand piano, originally at the Barbican Hall, London.

Their dedication makes a significant impact to the lives of concertgoers who



Noriko Ogawa giving a Pied Piper Children's concert.

travel across the north-west because of the unique events the volunteers organise.

The 21 volunteers of Parbold Picture House, a community cinema, present fortnightly film evenings in the auditorium of Parbold Village Hall, as well as live transmissions.

They have created a studio cinema, Studio Kino, that presents Talking Pictures with weekly matinee discussions, and screenings in the autumn and spring. Their time, effort and skills have made the cinema an integral part of the community and make a big difference in people's lives.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Representatives of Parbold Douglas Music and Parbold Picture House will receive the award from The Rt Hon the Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire later this summer.

Furthermore, two volunteers from each organisation will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May 2021, along

with other recipients of this year's award.

Clare Gillard, Recorder for Parbold Picture House and Treasurer of Parbold Douglas Music and Michael Bonsall, Chairman of Parbold Douglas Music and Convener of the Picture House Film Crew welcomed the news. They issued a joint statement: "We are very proud of our volunteers and the marvellous positive spirit and commitment with which they work, solve problems and coordinate their efforts."

"We think it is highly extraordinary for two awards to be made independently to groups working in the same venue. We have known for some time that our volunteers are exceptional people, from all walks of life, from sixth former to octogenarian, some working, some retired, who love music or film and sharing their enthusiasm with others."

"Volunteers are always welcome and immediately feel at home in the comradeship that has been built up. The audiences are very appreciative of the positive contribution our volunteers make to their lives."

A spokesperson for the Parbold Community Association added: "The Parbold Community Association are very proud to acknowledge the wonderful achievement of our Parbold Picture House volunteers."

"Their dedication has given many people from our community and the region a chance to see films and National Theatre Productions on their doorstep."

"The award is thoroughly deserved. Our congratulations also go to the volunteers of Parbold Douglas Music who have also been recognised for their work within the community."



Staff hard at work at The Sewing Rooms

Sewing firm create face masks to help fight virus spread

A SOCIAL enterprise in Skelmersdale has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by pivoting from its usual commercial market to producing a line of facemasks for the general public.

The Sewing Rooms has been able to bring staff back from furlough and help protect the local community, with the help of an £8,000 of grant from Livv Investment.

A fall in business due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown meant that some staff needed to be furloughed, so co-founder Paula Gamester started to think about ways to both help the community and bring staff back from furlough.

Paula and her team are creating a production line of facemasks for the general public

and these non-surgical masks are made with certified virus-resistant 'Panaz Shield Plus Technology' - meaning they can be worn and washed many times.

The Sewing Rooms has the capacity to create 10,000 of these masks, helping to protect the community without using surgical masks that are still needed for NHS and care staff.

Paula said: "In February we were making curtains, bedding and soft furnishing for hotel chains and residential settings, but all of that dried up with the pandemic. My staff were furloughed from March, so we galvanised all of our ex-students as volunteers and started making masks for the community."

We've had orders from national charities and it's really ramping up."

Annual yacht race cancelled... but it could make waves online!

DUE to the global pandemic, the West Lancashire Yacht Club 24 Hour Race committee has made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 edition of the 24 Hour Race in its traditional format.

In its place, they will be hosting an alternative, virtual, eSailing event, with organisers saying that they aim to 'embrace the best elements of

what we all love about this unique race.'

Ian Hughes, honorary secretary of the West Lancashire Yacht Club said: "During the last few weeks, life has changed for so many of us, and even though September is still a fair way off, it's just not possible to predict when we will return to normal or what the new normal will look like."

We appreciate that the cancellation of the full 24 Hour Race is disappointing news.

"But over the weekend, with up to 2,000 people expected on site (including 800 competitors and as many as 250 volunteers keeping the event going), we cannot ensure the health, safety and well-being of all involved. Your safety is of paramount importance."

"Although the cancellation of on-the-water racing may well come as a great disappointment, we hope that you are as excited as we are for the launch of our eSailing alternative. We look forward to running our eSailing 24 Hour Race on 19/20 September 2020 then we'll be back on the water next year on 11/12 September 2021."



Participants at the 53rd 24 Hour Yacht Race at the Marine Lake

Community centre given £475 cash boost

THE Trustees of Hesketh Bank Community Centre have secured a boost of £475 towards their redevelopment plans.

The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund is a registered charity set up with the consent of Her Majesty The Queen to

benefit causes primarily within the County Palatine.

The funds, which were granted before lockdown, will be used to purchase an Induction Loop Amplifier for the new facility.

Chairman Steve Kirby said: "We are very grateful to The Duchy of Lancaster for this grant, which moves us a little closer to our target of £394,000 to build a brand new, purpose-built and fully-accessible hall for all members of the community."

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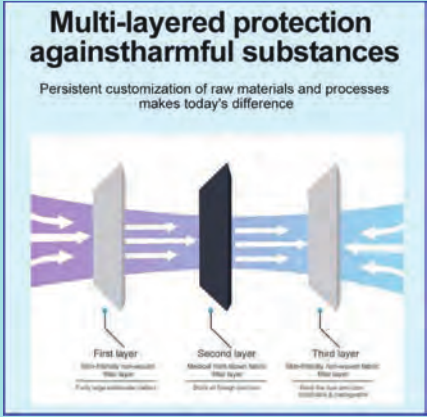
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Children show their love for care homes!

CHILDREN who have been attending school during lockdown have created their own special gift for a local care home.

Pupils from St Thomas the Martyr Primary School, in Up Holland, have made some stunning pieces of artwork for the staff and residents of Alma Green Care Home.

One particular artwork, which features a colourful heart with the words 'may all that we do be done with love' has been displayed in the care home.

Carl Roscoe, the headteacher of the primary school, said: "The children who have still been attending St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary in Up Holland during the lockdown created some great pieces of art work in support of our NHS key workers and the amazing staff and residents of our local care home."

"The Alma Green Residential staff and residents have displayed one of the pieces."



Care home staff and residents show off the special gift

MP welcomes support fund for charities and community groups

But concerns raised that national £200m pot 'will not go far'

By **Danielle Thompson**

MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed a new £200million Coronavirus Community Support Fund - but has warned local groups in West Lancashire to apply early after raising concerns that the national funding will not stretch very far.

The government pot of support is aimed at charity and community organisations in England - primarily at those which are 'small to medium'.

This will be distributed by The National Lottery Community Fund and will provide much-needed financial support to communities.

The funding is part of the £750m support package that the Chancellor announced on April 8.

Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, The National Lottery



MP Rosie Cooper

Community Fund has already distributed £120million to charity and community organisations across the UK, and are now already receiving applications for support from the Government funding.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "Throughout this pandemic I have been clear that Government must support our community and charitable organisations to ensure that they can continue to support the fight against the Coronavirus and crucially also still be here after the pandemic has passed."

"While I am grateful that this funding has been announced, we must be realistic that £200m will not go very far in supporting the whole country."

"Demand will be extremely high so I encourage charities and community groups in West Lancashire to ensure they apply early to give them the best chance of success."

The aim of the programme is to support organisations to continue to deliver vital services to people and communities affected by the coronavirus.

Activities supporting people and communities affected by the pandemic can be funded, as well as help for organisations to overcome any acute financial difficulties they're facing because of the pandemic.

Applications for both Government and National Lottery funding will be via the same entry point on their website, making it easier for people to apply.

Applications can be made through the website at <https://www.tnlcommunity-fund.org.uk/>

'I would walk 500 miles!' Charity group inspired by The Proclaimers hit song to take on walking challenge

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A charity group wants your help to walk a combined 500 miles for Cystic Fibrosis Week - after using the famous Proclaimers song as inspiration!

The Proclaimers' 1988 hit, 'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)' has been used by the Ormskirk based Yellow Fellows (pictured) as inspiration to complete a 500 mile walk.

They want local residents to join them by each doing a 5 mile walk.

This will then be added to an overall tally, with hopes they can reach 500 miles.

Yellow Fellows, who are members of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (CFT), are holding the challenge during Cystic Fibrosis Week, which runs from June 14 to June 20.

The 5 miles can be walked, jogged or ran (all at once or over a number of days) and then people are encouraged to donate £5 to the CFT.

Margaret Ellams, one of the Yellow Fellows said: "Cystic Fibrosis is a chronic condition which attacks the lungs and digestive system and we are raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust with our 500 mile challenge. Unfortunately this year we have been unable to hold our annual Garden Party so decided to issue a challenge to the wonderful people of Ormskirk and the surrounding area instead."

"We would love to see pictures of people completing their challenge on the Facebook page! Please join us and be a "Yellow Fellow" to help tackle this chronic condition - but you don't have to wear yellow of course!"

"Just enjoy covering the 5 miles and add them to the total either on the designated Facebook page '500 mile challenge'."

"The five miles can be done outdoors or indoors, in the open air or at home - any way you choose!"

"If we make 500 miles we will keep on going, inspired by the next line of the song "and I would walk 500 more!" Just remember to log your distance for our total and please donate your £5 to www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/cysticfibrosistrust."



Burscough TOWN COUNCIL



BURSCOUGH TOWN COUNCIL £50,000 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY AWARD SCHEME

Burscough Town Council at its meeting on 12th February 2020 resolved to make available to non-profit making organisations, charities, clubs etc. within the area of Burscough an amount of up to £50,000 of its Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

The Government lays down specific criteria as to what this money can be spent on, therefore any applications for this award must strictly adhere to these criteria.

There is also a timetable laid down for the expenditure of this money, which in this case must be spent by **30th October 2021**.

Organisations who have a project in mind which they think could benefit from such an award should contact **the Clerk to the Town Council on 01704 894914 or email Jackie.maguire@burscoughpc.org.uk**

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Martin Mere will reopen this week

...but visitors will have to pre-book to enjoy Wetlands Centre

MARTIN Mere Wetland Centre will re-open this week.

The reopening is due to go ahead today (Wednesday, June 10), but members of the public and WWT members will have to pre-book online for the day they want to visit as part of measures to keep everyone safe.

WWT bosses say their priority is to ensure the public can access its 'beautiful waterscapes' to help boost wellbeing and people's connection with nature in the area.

In order to help protect visitors, staff and volunteers, daily numbers will be restricted and both WWT members and non-members are requested to book on digitickets beforehand so that the charity can monitor numbers. Social distancing and additional safety measures will be in place.

WWT's Chief Operating Officer Kevin Peberdy said: "We are delighted to be able to welcome people back to our wetlands after this extended period of lockdown."

"The lockdown has forced many of us onto the side lines while spring's great spectacle plays out, and what better way to catch up, than with a visit to our wetlands to see what nature's been up to."

It's certainly been busy - above water and under water, our wetlands are teeming with wildlife.

"We've made a number of changes to help everyone stay safe. Most importantly, we're asking everyone to book online so that we can limit numbers and make sure there's plenty of space to enjoy the wetlands in peace and comfort."

In line with government guidelines, Martin Mere Wetland Centre's indoors areas and areas where people may gather will remain closed, this includes play areas, cafes and shops.

All events, presentations, activities and talks are postponed until further notice.

● Visit the Martin Mere Wetland Centre's website page for further information or click www.wwt.org.uk/visit



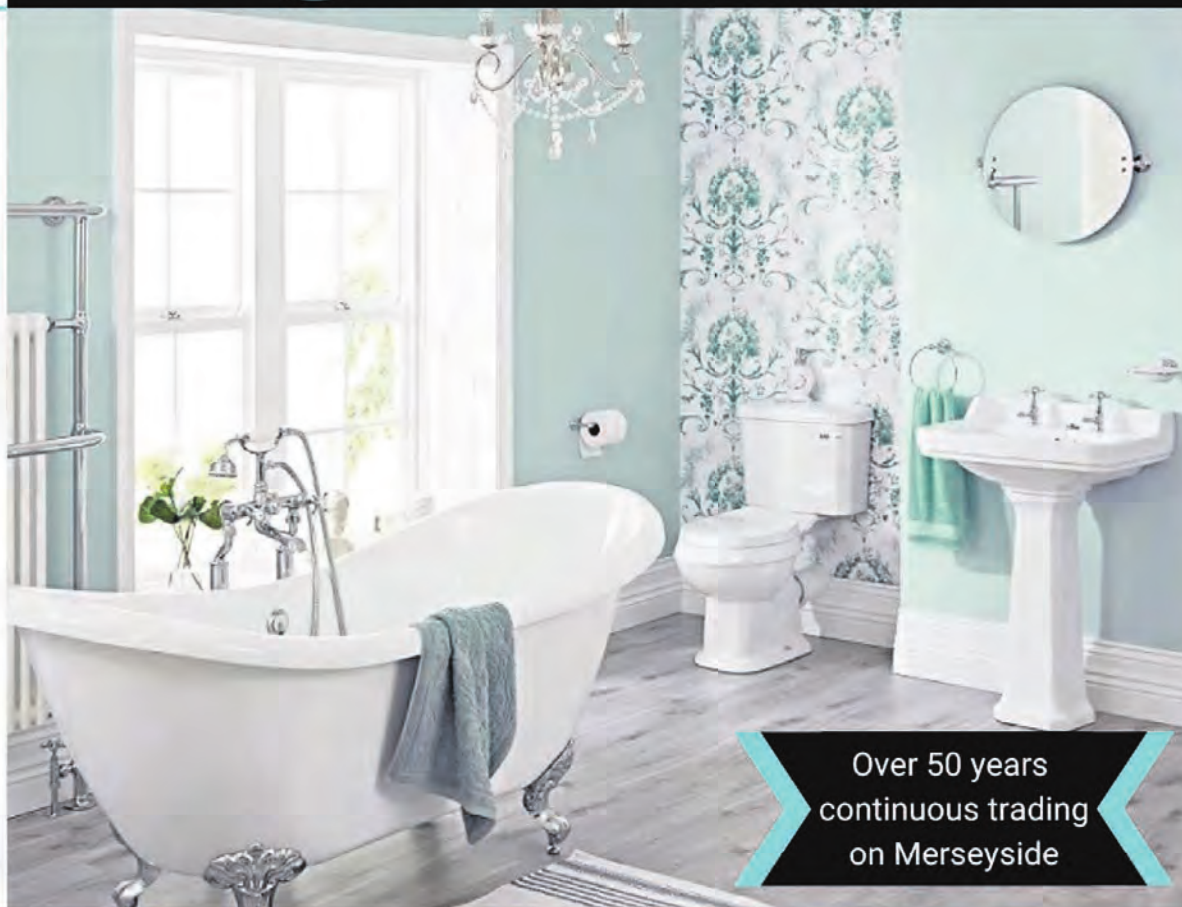
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Parents renew fight to 'save' school from becoming an academy

SOS group don't want to 'lose control' to Multi Academy Trust

Report by **Tom Martin**

PARENTS have renewed their campaign against plans to turn Ormskirk School into an academy.

The Champion has previously reported how parents and supporters have set up a group, Save Ormskirk School (SOS), to campaign to halt the forced academisation of the school.

They also want Ofsted to return to the school and give it "a fair crack of the whip" after two damning inspections carried out.

They claim that the timing of the second Ofsted visit last year was unfair as the school had only just appointed a "dynamic" new headteacher, Martin Witter, who needed time to turn things around.

The school, which can be traced back to 1612 and caters for 1,400 pupils, could be handed over to a Multi Academy Trust if the proposal goes ahead.

A spokesman for SOS said "The appointment of any 'sponsor' would mean control of our school being handed over to a faceless Multi Academy Trust, gifting 400 years of history to a commercial enterprise which creams off money destined for pupils to pay its overheads and fat-cat salaries."

"We call upon the The Regional Schools Commis-



Ormskirk School

sioner to halt what has clearly been a flawed process in order to enable a new inspection to be carried out. We are fully prepared to take legal action to defend the right of our school to remain self-governing for the good of all pupils."

The Department For Education (DfE) has previously said an order "must" be made to force a school to become a sponsored academy if it has been judged 'inadequate' by Ofsted in line with statutory requirements for all maintained schools.

Ofsted has previously said that it carried out its inspection of Ormskirk School within the time frame outlined in the Schools Inspection Handbook and that the decision to make the school into an academy is a matter for the DfE.

Anyone wishing to get in touch with Save Ormskirk School can use the Facebook page 'Save Ormskirk School' or the website SOSFA.org.uk

Sofa firm to give away entire suite to deserving key worker

KEY workers who have been putting their lives at risk to work throughout the coronavirus pandemic could be given a special prize to say thank you from a local business in Aintree.

Aintree Sofas want to give a whole suite to a deserving person and they are asking locals to nominate key workers who will be entered into a prize draw.

John Hill, who owns Aintree Sofas, told the Champion: "As a company we haven't been able to do a lot during the lockdown and we have had to just sit back and watch all these key workers carry on."

"As a thank you to all the key workers who are helping us find the light at the

end of the tunnel, we've decided to give away a full suite and the winner can choose exactly what they want."

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"This is not only for front line NHS staff, as we want to recognise all the incredibly important people supporting us all."

"The retail workers stacking shelves so we can eat, the bin men, post men, school staff who have been working to care for the children of other key workers."

Not to mention nursing home staff, the thousands of volunteers working to keep our communities going, and many, many more.

"This is our way to give something back. It would be great if this could start a new campaign and other businesses in the area could also give something back to key workers."

To nominate a deserving person, find Aintree Sofas on Facebook and send them a private message. Include the person you are nominating and why they deserve the prize.

You can also find out more details about the giveaway from the company's Facebook page.



Michael Dudley

Michael completes 31 day running challenge for charity

A RUNNER from Skelmersdale has completed 10km each day across May to raise money for charity.

The challenge saw Michael Dudley, 22, complete a total of 310km after running 10km for each of the 31 days in the month of May.

He has raised £738 which will be donated to the Samaritans charity.

His proud sister, Jade, told the Champion: "Michael is a keen run-

ner, who has previously only taken on organised 10k runs at Aintree Racecourse and so to go from that to running 10km every day around Skelmersdale is incredible.

"He has had a lot of local support and has been spotted by numerous residents on his run, who have followed his journey from a distance."

"He has raised £738 for Samaritans, a charity close to Michael's heart and who he felt needed support especially during the coronavirus pandemic."

Author hopes book can be a towering success!

A SKELMERSDALE writer is hoping her debut children's novel set in Blackpool will be a towering success!

Susan Brownrigg has penned 'Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest', which is a fast-paced mystery set in Blackpool, 1935, and is due to be published next month.

The book was inspired by the author's childhood daytrips and holidays in Blackpool.

Susan said: "I have so many happy memories of visiting Blackpool. I loved going on the Ghost Train, the River Caves and the Hiram Maxim Flying Machines at the Pleasure Beach, taking a trip on the heritage trams, eating chips on the prom, seeing all the wonderful illuminations and of course exploring the Tower. My favourite part was the circus and the excitement of seeing the water flood into the ring!"

"Blackpool is a magical place with a fascinating history. When you think of the seaside you think of golden beaches, piers, sand-castles, donkey rides - and Blackpool has all this and more including some wonderful sea-side architecture!"

In her book, Gracie Fairshaw moves to Blackpool to run The Majestic, a typical seaside boarding house, with Ma and younger brother George.

However the Fairshaws have



Susan visiting Blackpool Tower and (inset) her new book - Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest

barely settled into their new home when Ma mysteriously vanishes and Gracie, George and her new friends Tom, Violet and Phyllis the maid must work out which of the guests is responsible for Ma's disappearance.

Susan, who lives in Tanhouse, has made many trips to Blackpool following in her main character's footsteps.

She added: "I spent many happy hours in the Tower Ballroom listening to the Wurlitzer

organ, I went on the Grand National and Hiram Maxim Flying Machines at Pleasure Beach, I strolled along the piers and travelled on a heritage tram. I also enjoyed guided tours of the tram depot, the Town Hall where the switch-on used to take place, and the Lightworks depot to learn all about the illuminations."

Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest will be published on Thursday, July 2 and will be available from bookshops and online booksellers.

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COMMUTERS will soon have to wear face coverings on public transport to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

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the precaution from Monday, June 15, as numbers begin to increase on public transport as more people head back to work. The only exception to the rules will be for very young children, disabled people and also for those with

breathing difficulties. The government announced the new measure on Thursday, June 4, adding that face coverings will be a 'condition of travel' and not wearing one could lead to a fine.

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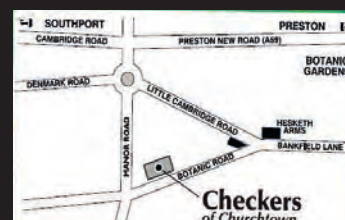
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Schools advised to remain shut despite government green light to reopen

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

GUIDANCE from Lancashire County Council's Director of Public Health is that schools should NOT open to more pupils.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi has advised schools to delay reopening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils because, in his professional view, two of the government's five coronavirus tests are not currently being met in the county.

Although the number of new cases has decreased, Lancashire and the north-west has a high number of cases compared to many other regions in the country.

Similarly, although the weekly death count in Lancashire is showing a downward trend, a consistent decline is not being seen in all areas, and in recent weeks there has been an increase. It has also been widely reported that the 'R value' for the north-west is above 1.

The guidance, which also applies to early years settings such as nurseries and childminders, will be reviewed again on June 15.

The decision to welcome back more pupils to Lancashire's schools lies with head teachers, in consultation with their board of governors, taking into account their individual circumstances.

Dr Karunanithi said: "I have carefully considered all of the information and data and, for now, my advice remains unchanged. Although there are significantly fewer numbers of cases currently, I am concerned about the high level of infections in the county when compared with others parts of England.

"The death rates are not sustainably decreasing in the county, and reports that the R value is above 1 in the north-west should be an early warning sign. It is important to stress that the R



Most schools have remained closed in the north-west

value is only one part of the overall picture, it appears to be rising in most parts of Lancashire.

"We still need better information sharing from national colleagues to help us unlock a successful test and track programme, although agencies are working well locally."

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, said: "Everyone wants to see children back in school as soon as it is safe for this to happen and, although we are seeing some progress, we must support the professional judgement of our public health experts.

"Throughout this crisis our schools have been open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children and have also done a fantastic job in keeping in contact with parents and pupils and providing high quality online learning tools."

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, added: "The vast majority of Lancashire people have been magnificent throughout this crisis, but we all have a responsibility to continue to abide by the social distancing rules. There can be no let-up because if we all play our part we can stop coronavirus in its tracks and ultimately save lives."

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Southport Air Show and the British Musical Fireworks Championships both cancelled

'No go' for town's top tourist events

THE ONOING coronavirus crisis has killed off any hopes that Southport's top annual shows can be held this year.

Southport Air Show and the British Musical Fireworks Championships are the latest events to be axed joining the previously announced Southport Flower Show and the Southport Food and Drink Festival, which was to have been held this month.

Sefton Council and flower show organisers say the events will hopefully return next year. The flagship attractions bring visitors from all over the UK and generate millions of pounds for Sefton's local economy, supporting local businesses.

Cllr Marion Atkinson, Sefton Council's Labour Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills, says, "Every autumn we welcome thousands of people to Southport to enjoy the air show and the fireworks championships - both major events in the town. However, it will not be possible or responsible, for large-scale events to take place."

"We understand this news will disappoint a lot of people, but we all have to work hard to protect the health and the wellbeing of our communities, and the safety of everyone involved



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including visitors, exhibitors, traders, staff, contractors, and the many more who contribute and play a part in delivering these much-loved events. These are the factors at the very forefront of our decision. We look forward to welcoming everyone again next year."

This will be the first time since the Second World War that Southport Flower Show has not been held and it is a huge disappointment to the management team who work so hard to make the event happen.

Show bosses say the cancellation will cause severe financial implications not just for the show itself, but it will also profoundly affect the show's partners, sponsors, suppliers and traders.

They are asking that if you have already purchased tickets, to consider supporting the show by not requesting a refund or by rolling over tickets to next year's show taking place August 19-22. Details can be found at www.southport-flowershow.co.uk

To find out more about Visit Southport's response to the coronavirus and to receive updates visit www.visitsouthport.com/coronavirus

Applicant behind plans for residential development goes into administration

SOUTHWORTH Construction, the applicant behind plans to build 60 two storey residential properties at former playing fields on Barnes Road, Skelmersdale has gone into administration.

Lancashire County Council, which own the land, say they will now remarket the land and have

reassured Skelmersdale Scout Group that they remain committed to allowing them to lease part of it.

The scouts had to leave the building on the site they rented from LCC last March and had started a building fund. They have now moved to The Martial Arts Academy (23 Wheatacre

Skem), However, like the schools, Scouting in the UK has been suspended until further notice.

A spokesman for the County Council said: "We will be remarketing this land as the company which had previously agreed a contract to purchase it is now unable to proceed with their plans."

Land bought for building 267 homes at Yew Tree site

LAND has been purchased for the building of 267 houses in Burscough for the second stage of the Yew Tree Farm Development.

Outline planning for the wider development was granted in 2017 with Phase 1 of 147 houses being undertaken by Redrow Homes.

Anwyl Homes Lancashire submitted a reserved matters application to West Lancs council last November to undertake Phase 2 which will consist of 267 homes, including 94 classed as affordable.

The developer says that it has now purchased 20 acres of land for the development from Crompton Property Developments Ltd.

John Grime, managing director of Anwyl Homes Lancashire, said: "Acquiring land at Yew Tree Farm is a major milestone for us."

"It's a key strategic development site for West Lancashire and gives Anwyl the potential for more than five years of production in this one location."

"Known as Priory Gardens, our development will provide a boost to the local housing supply."

Priory Gardens will feature a wide mix of one-to

four-bedroom properties, including apartments, bungalows, mews, semi-detached and detached houses.

Mr Grime added: "Burscough is a thriving community. We've carefully considered the housing mix at Priory Gardens to meet local needs and there's a good choice of properties planned, including three and four-bedroom detached private sale homes."

The Yew Tree Farm development on Liverpool Road South will eventually comprise 580 homes, a care home, community centre and parkland, along with plans for retail and industrial units including a soft play centre.

The new neighbourhood also includes a potential school site. Anwyl will provide an electric vehicle charging point for every home at Priory Gardens

A number of landscaped swales, ponds/wetlands are being created as part of the development, which will also include a new park and landscaped public open space.

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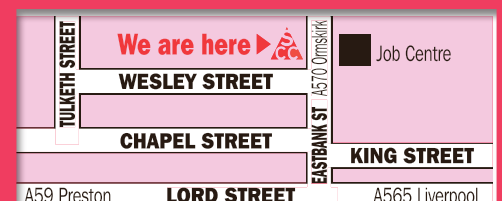
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Scouts keep busy during lockdown!

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Ormskirk and District Scout groups have been holding virtual meetings, camps and setting the young people activities to complete.

Some of the groups are working on a new badge called The Great Indoors badge.


Anyone over the age of six can participate towards this badge, regardless of whether they are a scout or not.

This is a first for the scout movement, as normally you have to be a member to work towards badges.

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Hospitals Charity in appeal for community ambassadors

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

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SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospitals Charity is looking for volunteers to join their team of community ambassadors.

Charity chair Neil Masom said: "Volunteer community ambassadors raise awareness of both Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, as well as representing the charity locally. How much time you give is entirely up to you, but every hour you give really does make a crucial difference."

"Our charity is more important than ever now, with NHS staff, volunteers and patients struggling in extraordinary circumstances as a result of Covid-19. The charity allows us to fund those extras, which support our teams' welfare and improve our patients' experiences."

Peter Lloyd, who has just raised £700 for the charity's Covid-19 Urgent Staff, Volunteer and Patient Welfare Appeal through a sponsored 200-mile cycle ride has spoken of his delight at signing-up to be our first-ever Volunteer Community Ambassador.

He said: "I couldn't be prouder to be taking on this new community ambassador role for our amazing local hospitals. I'm looking forward to volunteering alongside many more people who want to spread the word about the charity and inspire new supporters to get involved."

Ways you can get involved

- Championing Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals Charity in the community, using your networks and contacts to spread the word and promote and inspire fundraising

- Attending cheque presentations and thanking our brilliant supporters face-to-face

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Jim Sharpe - a special tribute to our 'One Man and His Dog' columnist



Jim Sharpe - 1946 to 2020

JIM Sharpe, popular Champion writer whose *One Man and His Dog* column has been a staple part of the Champion for many years, died, aged 73, on May 1.

His sad death came during lockdown and at a time when we were unable to print the Champion.

So, this week, in our first edition back since his passing, we pay tribute to Jim.

Jim was a reporter for the Maghull and Aintree Champion for more than two decades, since the early days of the paper and was a familiar face around the streets of his hometown, Maghull, along with his dog Tina and his late brother George's dog, Cinders.

Away from writing, he loved nothing more than holidaying on the Norfolk Broads on his boat, The Manxman. He was also a keen bus (and later, trains) enthusiast.

In 2016 Jim recovered from a near-fatal heart

attack but even through that personal health battle he still managed to pen the ever-popular *One Man and his Dog* weekly column from his hospital bed. As a result of this incredible dedication to his work, in 2016, he was nominated for the 'O2 Stand Out Award' at the prestigious North West O2 Media Awards and was presented with the 'Highly Commended' accolade.

In December 2006, this proud born-and-bred Maghullian was honoured for his 'Outstanding Contribution to the Community' of Maghull. At Maghull Town Council's Annual Civic Award Evening, the special presentation was made to Jim for his "many years of unbiased and factual reporting of events and issues in the town."

The award also praised Jim's "own personal and interesting style of views" in his *One Man and his Dog* column.

Of Jim's passing, Champion Group Editor Malcolm Hindle said: "Jim was one of life's true

characters. His work as a journalist, particularly in his home town of Maghull, was greatly respected. But he was perhaps best known for his column 'One Man and His Dog' which appeared weekly in the Champion for more than 20 years.

"The column was, more often than not, a gentle meander through life and his musings won him a legion of fans although his views would, on occasion, raise the hackles of many a Champ reader, mostly when Jim ventured into the thorny terrain of politics.

"He was, though, most at home when talking about his favourite subjects - his dogs, trains, buses, and his beloved Manxman river cruiser which he kept on the Norfolk Broads - the place on earth where Jim was most content.

"He will be greatly missed by so many people, not only as a colleague but as a true Champion stalwart and for being the larger-than-life character that he truly was."

They broke the mould when they made Jim

JIM had close connections to the YMCA through his trips to the Norfolk Broads and it was Nigel Hughes, chief executive of the YMCA Wirral, who paid tribute to Jim at his funeral at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday, May 27.

Jim was much-loved across Sefton and the Mayor of Sefton, Councillor June Burns attended his funeral service.

Nigel told the crematorium gathering - reduced to 10 owing to lockdown restrictions - that Jim was a 'very special and treasured human spirit'.

"I first met Jim in 1985. When,

sadly, George passed away in November 2013, it fell to myself to take a much more involved role with Jim making sure he was able to continue with his beloved trips to the Broads.

"Jim loved cars and trains - he would often set off on unusual journeys, just to say he had been on a certain route, train or to a specific destination - once he set off on the overnight sleeper to Inverness and back just for the hell of the ride!

"For the life of me I had to smile when he told me that he also liked to try out unusual bus routes and ended up in some

bizarre locations and situations with broken down buses or connections at all hours of the day! They definitely broke the mould when they made Jim Sharpe - he was a truly lovely remarkable gentleman.

"Jim often talked about how proud he was to be part of the Champion and he was always delighted when readers contacted him about his articles.

"In life he strove to honour, support, guide and perhaps most importantly, love his family and his friends. I thank God that I was privileged to know a man as special as Jim Sharpe!"

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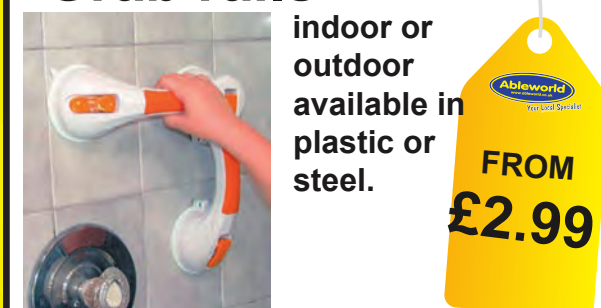
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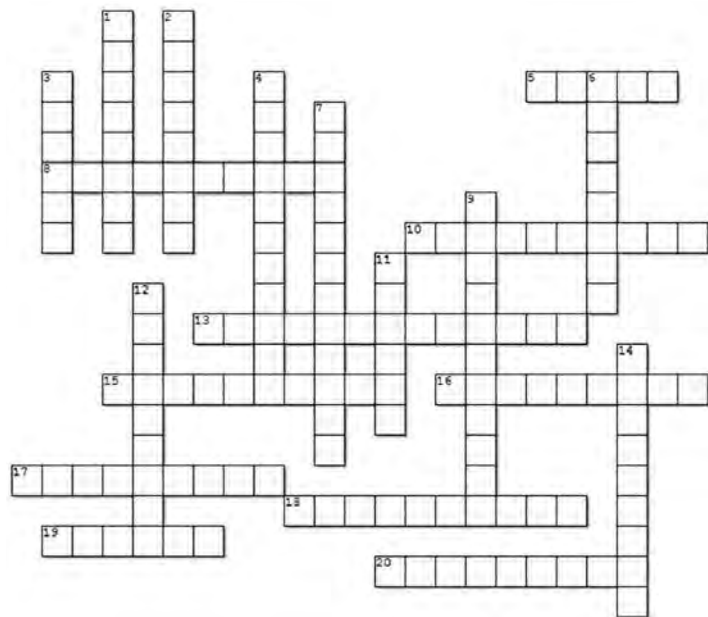
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Welcome back to the Champion's crossword! In this week's edition, the puzzle is locally themed - so all the answers are connected to Sefton and West Lancashire. Good luck!

**ACROSS:**

5. Independent cinema in Waterloo (5)
8. Wetland centre in West Lancashire (6,4)
10. Popular event first held in 1924 (6,4)
13. Metro Mayor of Liverpool City Region (5,8)
15. Rail provider (10)
16. Home to the oldest Iron Pier in the country (9)
17. Annual car event in Ormskirk (9)
18. High street that inspired Paris' famous boulevards (4,6)
19. Home to Another Place (6)
20. Dockland operator (4,5)

DOWN:

1. High security hospital in Maghull (8)
2. University in Ormskirk (4,4)
3. Town known for having red squirrels (6)
4. Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner (4,7)
6. Arts venue in Southport (8)
7. Popular fairground (12)
9. West Lancashire MP (5,6)
11. Heavily bombed town in WW2 (6)
12. Mayor of Sefton (4,5)
14. Shopping centre in West Lancs (9)

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Samuel Lai (5)



Max Evans (10)

Champion effort from youngsters!

HERE at the Champion we were absolutely delighted to receive all of the fantastic entries that came in for our 'Design a Masthead' competition!

We revealed on our website champnews.com and our Facebook page Champion Newspapers during the lockdown that youngsters were being given the chance to see their artwork on the front page of the Champion - on our very first edition back in circulation today (Wednesday, June 10).

Talented young artists sent in a range of bright, colourful and patterned entries making judging very difficult.

In the end a design by Olivia Wallace, aged 10, came up tops (see front page). Here are just a small selection of the entries.



Luella Webster (8)



Clea Brewster (8)



Poppy Ward (9)

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The family of Margaret Forshaw of Flax Lane, Lathom, Burscough, wishes to acknowledge the sympathy and kindness shown to us following her passing on the 26th May 2020, after 94 years. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the friends and neighbours who have supported us, sent cards, flowers and messages of condolences and for the charitable donations we have received which will be passed on to support the pastoral work at her church, St. John the Baptist, Burscough.

We give a special thanks to the wonderful staff of Guardian Carers whose support allowed Margaret to maintain independence at home over the last few years; to the dedication of Dr Tilley and the staff at Stanley Court Surgery, and to the doctors and nurses who cared for her at Southport & Formby Hospital. Margaret was always surrounded by loyal friends and we remain grateful for all of their support and friendship over the years.

Due to the current situation we are restricted to having a small service at West Lancashire Crematorium on 10th June 2020. Thanks to Reverend David Banbury at St John's Church and to Lorraine and Kayleigh at Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare for their excellent guidance and support with the funeral arrangements during this difficult time.

The family will look forward to holding a memorial service with friends, neighbours and parishioners at St. John the Baptist Church at a later date to celebrate Margaret's life

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DEATHS

**MURPHY
GLADYS**

23rd April 2020
Passed away peacefully
in the arms of her
heart-broken daughter
Aged 83 years



The sun shone brightly for Mum's last journey on Tuesday 5th May and all went smoothly. Thank you to all who came to pay their respects at the house and all the flowers and messages of condolence - it really has been emotional seeing all the love for Glad. Thank you to M. Rushton Funeral Directors for the dignified way you took care of Mum, to Andy Liggins of St. Simon & St. Jude's and to Gail Oldham of Tom Hodge Florist for looking after the family so well with all their beautiful floral tributes. Thanks also to the staff at Dovehaven Care Homes who loved and cared for Mum over the past 4 years, our Son Philip for his lovely heartfelt words about his Nan, to Rachel Dalliday who sang so beautifully at Mum's graveside and my Brother in law Nick Whitehead for helping to carry Mum to her final resting place. The biggest thanks goes to my Husband Neil who has been my back bone during this difficult time.

Sharon x
Donations if desired for Dementia UK via www.rock4dementia.uk

DEATHS

**FINCH
GEORGE
(SONNY)**

Aged 90
Sadly passed away
peacefully on Thursday
28th May 2020

You'll be greatly missed by loving Wife Sylvia, Son & Daughter-in-law David & Joyce & Grandsons Craig & Ryan plus Craig's Partner Hannah & Great Grandson Joshua. You were always quietly supportive & lived life to the full.

Rest in peace.

Love from all the family.

Funeral Service to be held on Thursday 11th June 2020 To be attended by close family only due to Covid-19 restrictions. Donations if desired please visit <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/make-donation> All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY, 01695 572997

**MURRAY
ALBERT
(BIG AL)**

21st May 2020
Suddenly aged 76 years
of Upholland

The dearly loved Husband of Jean, loving Dad of Stuart and Michaela, dear Father in Law of Susan and Dennis and devoted Grandad of Sean, Ben, James and Daniel.

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 12th June 2020 at 2pm.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired for R.N.L.I.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

**SLATER
JOYCE
ELAINE**

(Nee Shortland)
Passed away peacefully
in her home on June
2nd 2020
Aged 97

The loving Wife of the late Wilf Slater. Devoted Mum of Ann and Mother in Law of Trevor. Nan to Gary, Darren, Philip and Caroline and Gran to Oliver, Harry, Luke and Kaya.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends, always in our thoughts and hearts.

Funeral will take place on Friday 12th June at 2:30pm at Ormskirk Parish Church graveyard, to be attended by close family only due to Covid-19 restrictions. Family flowers only by request.

Donations to be sent to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, NHS.

All enquires to Hunters Funeral Services, 123b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel. 01695 572997

**HAND
TRICIA
(NÉE ADDY)**

Passed away suddenly at
home on 26th May 2020
Aged 73 years, of
Burscough

Loving Wife of Clint, much loved Mum, Nan and Sister.

Enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors
22a Liverpool Road North. Burscough.
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To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

**JACKSON
MARGARET**

Passed away peacefully at
home in Burscough on 2nd
June 2020 aged 85 years

Dear Wife of the late Peter, Mum of Tim and Jill. Loved by her Grandchildren and greatly missed by her family and friends.

The Funeral took place at West Lancs Crematorium and donations in memory of Margaret can be sent directly to St. Johns C.E Church Burscough for Crabtree Mission.

Tim, Jill and the family would like to express sincere thanks to relatives, and friends for all the many cards and messages of condolence following their sad loss. Thanks to Lathom House Surgery, the District Nurses, Care Concern, and Queenscourt for all their care and support. Thanks also to Rev. Elliott Ireton for his kind ministrations and to Lisa Hunter MLS Funeral Directors for the sensitive and excellent guidance.

**WILSON
JACK**

In loving memory of
Jack Wilson who passed
away peacefully at home
on 1st June
Aged 77 years, after a
long illness

Sadly missed.
Loving Husband of Bea, devoted Father, Grandfather and Brother.

You will always be in our hearts.

Funeral Service to be held on Tuesday 16th June 2020

To be attended by close family only due to Covid-19 restrictions

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY, 01695 572997

DEATHS

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**STANMORE
ALAN
(ANCHOR MAN)**

After a long illness
peacefully in Hospital on
31st May 2020,
Aged 70 years.

Much loved Dad of Julie, Billy and Zoe. Dear Father-in-Law to Wayne and Tracey. Loving Dan Dan to all his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Dear Brother of Les, Sue, Mavis, Carol, Harold, Peter, Margaret, Tony and Ann. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Duke Street Cemetery on Thursday 11th June 2020 at 11am. Due to current circumstances only immediate family are able to attend the Funeral Service. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Cats Protection League. Further enquiries please to: Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 3HS. Tel: 01704 575282

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DEATHS

**HILLSDON
RONALD (RON)**

1st June 2020
Peacefully after a period
of illness in Argyle Park
Nursing Home aged 83
years.

The beloved Husband of Triss and dear Brother of Derek. Much loved Father of Peter and Linda, Father-in-law to Maureen and devoted Grandfather to Caitlin and Niamh. Ron will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Private Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 15th June 2020 at 11.00am.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the MS Society.

Further enquiries please to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ.

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**RILEY
BRIAN HENRY**

30th May 2020
Peacefully at home
Aged 83yrs
after a long illness.

Formerly Senior Tutor at Litherland High School.

Dearly loved husband of Olive, cousin of Linda and Michael Garvey, Pam Mitchell and second cousin of Katy Azatyan.

Sadly missed by family and friends. A private Funeral Service was held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 9th June 2020.

Donations if desired may be given to The RAF Association or the Medical Day Unit at Southport Hospital, either directly or c/o the funeral director.

Further enquiries to: Neal Buckley Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6UQ Tel: 01772 301700

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For more information about the two schools please see school websites:-

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Informal discussion: email, head@brookfieldpark.lancs.sch.uk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(U358 CHAPEL LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U358 Chapel Lane, Parbold from a point 20m North East of the level crossing for a distance of 40m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 20th June 2020 until 0800 hours on Sunday 21st June 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible - no through road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow a technical inspection involving the lifting and replacing of the timber level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/23140/EW]

TRUSTEE ACT 1925

(Section 27) RUSSELL GRIMES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a CLAIM AGAINST or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of Russell Grimes, late of 22 Mayfield Road, Upholland, WN8 0HZ, is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his/her claim or interest to the undersigned, the Solicitors of the Executors on or before TWO MONTHS and ONE DAY from the date of this publication after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled there to having regard only to the claims and interest of which they shall then have had notice.

Particulars to: Alcock & Smalley part of Lawyers Inc, Suite 4, The Owl Business Centre, 47 School Lane, Upholland, WN8 0LW.

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LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NEW APPLICATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

We The Bagel Deli Ltd of 20 Moor Street, Ormskirk, L39 2AQ have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a new application of premises licence, the following has been applied for:
Hours of operation 11.00 until 23.30 Monday to Sunday for sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.
The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Council's website <http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing>
Any 'interested party' may make representations in writing to the Council regarding the application before the 24th June 2020. It is an offence, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and on summary conviction anyone found doing so is liable to a fine of £5,000.

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(B5243 BIRKDALE COP, SCARISBRICK AND B5243 HEATHEY LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any person to cause or permit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding at a speed exceeding the stated temporary speed restriction over the following lengths of highway in the Borough of West Lancashire:-

B5243 Birkdale Cop, Scarisbrick

30 MPH for a distance of 670 metres in a South Easterly direction from a point 65m metres South East of the centre point of its junction with Town Lane, Sefton Borough to its junction with X59 London Lane, Halsall.

B5243 Heathy Lane, Halsall

30 MPH for a distance of 381 metres in a South Easterly direction from the centre point of its junction with X59 London Lane, Halsall

1. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 29th June 2020 until 2359 hours on Wednesday 29th December 2021.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to facilitate the safe access to the Barratt & David Wilson Homes construction site's vehicle access point while construction works are undertaken off the highway.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/23717/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(U927 BRIDGE STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk from a point 30m North West of its junction with U900 Ravenscroft Avenue for a distance of 40m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 29th June 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk - B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk - A570 Park Road, Ormskirk - A570 St Helens Road, North of Park Road - U897 Small Lane, Ormskirk - U896 Chapel Street, Ormskirk - U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of a manhole frame and cover to be carried out by Amey Plc on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/23287/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council

Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2020/0267/FUL Change of use to a five bedroom house of multiple occupation (HMO) at 12 Small Lane, Ormskirk.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0377/FUL Two-storey and single storey rear (West), single storey Pool Hall side (South) extension, Port Cochere front (East) extension, new roof structure and alterations to fenestration at 31 Church Lane, Aughton. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2020/0378/FUL Change of use from physiotherapy clinic to house of multiple occupation (HMO) for students at 28 Stanley Street, Ormskirk. The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website: www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used

Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 10th June 2020
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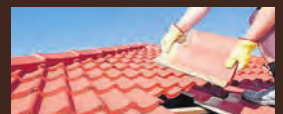
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BMW have helped by creating a new series that is 'donning a face mask' as standard

4-Series uses hybrid technology to expand the grin on your face!



TOP MARKS to BMW this week for tackling the coronavirus outbreak head on – it's just launched a car that dons a face mask as standard!

As a result, the new 4-Series will be able to travel on public transport without breaking any of Boris' guidelines.

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Or it could just be that Munich's new coupé, depending on who you ask, has Bugs Bunny's teeth or a front end modelled on Bane from *The Dark Knight Rises*.

But I reckon BMW's been smart to launch the 4-Series now, because by the time it actually reaches UK showrooms in October we'll have grown a little more accustomed to its, erm, challenging new look.

Say what you want about the cosmetics, but underneath it's business as usual – so that means sharpened up bits from the latest 3-Series saloon, four-wheel-drive for the upper echelons of the range and a choice of hybrid-assisted diesels and silky smooth petrol units.

Not that it's just a two-door version of BMW's big-seller – it's lower and wider than the four-door, so it should handle better too.

Chances are the one you'll be seeing on illicit drives to Barnard Castle is the entry-level 420i Sport, which for £39,870 uses a four-cylinder petrol unit to do its bidding, but the one you really want is the M440i XDrive, which has a turbocharged three-litre straight six beneath its bonnet, 374bhp on tap and can crack sixty in 4.5 seconds. Not long ago that was M3 territory.

I also like the fact it uses hybrid tech to expand the grin on your face as well as the range between fill-ups; sure, you can use its 48-volt starter-generator system to go a little bit further by scooping up all the energy you'd have otherwise wasted on braking, but it'll also allow you to claim it, delivering an extra 11bhp when you need it.

I know 11bhp isn't much, but it could make all the difference on one of those seemingly never-ending, multi-car overtakes that a minority of BMW owners love indulging in.

Personally, I reckon the new 4-Series is shaping up to be a cracking car, but the proof will be in whether it retains the scalpel-sharp delicacy of BMW's older two-door offerings.

It's also very much a car of our times; in an era when we've all got used to masking up, it's nice to see there's now a car that reflects how its owners look.

All of which means that when this horrible disease goes away, BMW will have to eventually give it a facelift where it drops the Batman villain front end.

Oh, that's how it *meant* to look?

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